

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:17-cv-00615-EGS**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. INTERNAL REVENUE  
SERVICE et al  
Assigned to: Judge Emmet G. Sullivan  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 04/06/2017  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
04/06/2017	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-4904671) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons U.S. Attorney, # <u>3</u> Summons U.S. Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons IRS, # <u>5</u> Summons HHS)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 04/06/2017)
04/06/2017	<u>2</u>	LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 04/06/2017)
04/06/2017		Case Assigned to Judge Emmet G. Sullivan. (md) (Entered: 04/06/2017)
04/07/2017	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice of Consent) (md) (Entered: 04/07/2017)
04/07/2017	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS Issued Electronically as to INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice of Consent) (md) (Entered: 04/07/2017)
04/17/2017	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 4/17/2017. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 5/17/2017.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 04/17/2017., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE served on 4/14/2017 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Cristina Rotaru)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 04/17/2017)
04/21/2017	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Kieran O'Neill Carter on behalf of INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (Carter, Kieran) (Entered: 04/21/2017)
05/17/2017	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.(Peterson, Benton) (Entered: 05/17/2017)
05/17/2017	<u>8</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE.(Hoffman-Logsdon, Megan) (Entered: 05/17/2017)
06/05/2017	<u>9</u>	STANDING FOIA ORDER. Joint Scheduling Order For Further Proceedings due by 6/23/2017 Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 06/05/17. (mac) (Entered: 06/06/2017)
06/23/2017	<u>10</u>	PROPOSED BRIEFING SCHEDULE by INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE. (Hoffman-Logsdon, Megan) (Entered: 06/23/2017)
06/23/2017		MINUTE ORDER. In view of <u>10</u> the parties' proposed briefing schedule, the Court directs the parties to submit a joint status report by no later than August 24, 2017 with a recommendation for further proceedings and, if appropriate, a proposed briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on June 23, 2017. (lcegs2) (Entered: 06/23/2017)
06/26/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/24/2017. (mac) (Entered: 06/26/2017)
07/27/2017	<u>11</u>	STANDING ORDER: The parties are directed to read the attached Standing Order Governing Civil Cases Before Judge Emmet G. Sullivan in its entirety upon receipt. The parties are hereby ORDERED to comply with the directives in the attached Standing Order.Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 7/27/2017.(Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit) (lcegs1) (Entered: 07/27/2017)

08/24/2017	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE. (Hoffman-Logsdon, Megan) (Entered: 08/24/2017)
08/25/2017		MINUTE ORDER. In view of <u>12</u> the parties' joint status report, the Court directs the parties to file a further joint status report by no later than October 23, 2017. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on August 25, 2017. (lcegs2) (Entered: 08/25/2017)
08/25/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/23/2017. (mac) (Entered: 08/25/2017)
10/23/2017	<u>13</u>	STATUS REPORT by INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE. (Carter, Kieran) (Entered: 10/23/2017)
10/24/2017	<u>14</u>	STATUS REPORT by INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE. (Carter, Kieran) (Entered: 10/24/2017)
10/24/2017		MINUTE ORDER. In view of <u>14</u> the parties' joint status report, the Court directs the parties to file a further joint status report by no later than December 22, 2017. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on October 24, 2017. (lcegs2) (Entered: 10/24/2017)
10/25/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/22/2017. (mac) (Entered: 10/25/2017)
12/20/2017	<u>15</u>	Third STATUS REPORT by INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Hoffman-Logsdon, Megan) (Entered: 12/20/2017)
12/22/2017		MINUTE ORDER. In view of <u>15</u> the parties' joint status report, the parties are directed to file a further joint status report by no later than February 23, 2018. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on December 22, 2017. (lcegs2) (Entered: 12/22/2017)
12/22/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 2/23/2018. (zcdw) (Entered: 12/26/2017)
02/23/2018	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE. (Carter, Kieran) (Entered: 02/23/2018)
02/26/2018		MINUTE ORDER in view of <u>16</u> parties' joint status report, the parties are directed to file a further joint status report by no later than April 24, 2018. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 2/26/2018. (lcegs3) (Entered: 02/26/2018)
02/26/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/24/2018. (mac) (Entered: 02/26/2018)
04/20/2018	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE. (Hoffman-Logsdon, Megan) (Entered: 04/20/2018)
04/26/2018		MINUTE ORDER. In view of <u>17</u> the parties' joint status report, the parties are directed to file a further joint status report by no later than June 22, 2018. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on April 26, 2018. (lcegs2) (Entered: 04/26/2018)
04/26/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/22/2018. (mac) (Entered: 04/26/2018)
06/22/2018	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE. (Carter, Kieran) (Entered: 06/22/2018)
06/22/2018		MINUTE ORDER in view of <u>18</u> joint status report, the parties are directed to file a further joint status report by no later than September 28, 2018. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 6/22/2018. (lcegs3) (Entered: 06/22/2018)
06/25/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/28/2018. (mac) (Entered: 06/25/2018)
09/26/2018	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 09/26/2018)
10/02/2018		MINUTE ORDER. In light of <u>19</u> the parties' joint status report, the parties are directed to file a further joint status report by no later than October 26, 2018. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 10/2/2018. (lcegs2) (Entered: 10/02/2018)

10/02/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Further Joint Status Report due by 10/26/2018. (mac) (Entered: 10/02/2018)
10/26/2018	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 10/26/2018)
10/29/2018		MINUTE ORDER. In light of <u>20</u> the parties' joint status report, the parties are directed to file a further joint status report by no later than November 28, 2018. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 10/29/2018. (lcegs2) (Entered: 10/29/2018)
10/29/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/28/2018. (mac) (Entered: 10/29/2018)
11/28/2018	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE. (Carter, Kieran) (Entered: 11/28/2018)
12/03/2018		MINUTE ORDER. In light of <u>21</u> the parties' joint status report, the parties are directed to file a further joint status report by no later than January 11, 2019. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 12/3/2018. (lcegs2) (Entered: 12/03/2018)
12/03/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/11/2019. (mac) (Entered: 12/03/2018)
12/26/2018	<u>22</u>	MOTION to Stay by INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (Hoffman-Logsdon, Megan) (Entered: 12/26/2018)
01/09/2019	<u>23</u>	Unopposed MOTION to Stay , MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>in Light of Lapse of Appropriations</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Hudak, Brian) (Entered: 01/09/2019)
01/11/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>23</u> unopposed motion for stay in light of lapse of appropriations. The parties are directed to file a joint status report by no later than seven days after Congress has appropriated funds for the affected agencies. The status report shall include a joint proposed scheduling order for further proceedings. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 1/11/2019. (lcegs2) (Entered: 01/11/2019)
01/30/2019	<u>24</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Paul J. Orfanedes on behalf of JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 01/30/2019)
02/01/2019	<u>25</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal <i>as to Defendant U.S. Dep't of Health and Human Services</i> by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 02/01/2019)
02/01/2019	<u>26</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by <i>Plaintiff Judicial Watch, Inc. and Defendant Internal Revenue Service</i> by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 02/01/2019)
02/01/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In light of <u>26</u> the parties' joint status report, the parties are directed to file a further joint status report by no later than March 1, 2019. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 2/1/2019. (lcegs2) (Entered: 02/01/2019)